

**Response to the Office action dated June 8, 2009
U.S. Serial No. 10/596,858**

Remarks

The applicants have carefully considered the official action dated June 8, 2009. By way of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-3, 7-9, 11-12, 19-20, 23-24, 26, and 29-30 have been cancelled without prejudice to their further prosecution. Applicants do not admit that the rejections of these claims are proper and explicitly reserve the right to prosecute the claims in a further continuation application.

Claims 16, 18, 25, 27, and 28 are pending. In the official action, claims 16, 18, 25, 27, and 28 were indicated to be allowable. Accordingly, the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

If there is any matter that the examiner would like to discuss, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,
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